

## **MEMORIALS, VIGILS AND REMEMBRANCES**

- 1.0 The District recognizes that when a school community experiences the death of a school community member, it is deeply felt by students, staff and families. Following the loss of an Adams 12 Five Star Schools student or staff member, the primary focus of staff will be on helping those (staff, students and families) affected by a death to make connections to appropriate school and community resources.
- 2.0 The District Crisis Intervention Team, at the request of the school principal, will support the school community in healthy bereavement and a return to normalcy in the educational environment.
- 3.0 In no case shall a corpse, urn or cremated remains be allowed in any district facility or on any District property.
- 4.0 Memorial gatherings will be permitted at the ESC (Educational Support Center) only. Arrangements for any events must be made through Facility Operations.
  - 4.1 Although some religious organizations may have a Facility Reservation Permit to hold regular weekend services in district schools, these regularly scheduled services are not to include memorials or funerals when in a school.
- 5.0 Temporary school memorials, as approved by the school principal, may be displayed until the day of the funeral and will then be given to the family. Allowable temporary memorials are flower arrangements, banners, pictures, notes, and locker and student desk displays.
  - 5.1 Memorial symbols displayed by individual students or staff on school grounds will be limited in duration to one month past the funeral and must have prior approval of the school principal.
  - 5.2 Memorials following a death from suicide must not be perceived to glamorize, romanticize or stigmatize the act of suicide.
- 6.0 Permanent memorials for deceased students or staff are limited to endowments or scholarships. Scholarship and endowment memorials may be established either as one-time or perpetual awards, with a description of the purpose of the endowment or scholarship. The school principal, superintendent or his/her designee reserves the right to accept or decline such endowments or scholarships.
  - 6.1 The Adams 12 Five Star Schools Veterans Memorial Aquatic Center is exempt from this policy's limitations on permanent memorials for deceased students. By the nature of the facility's name and partners, the Aquatic Center includes areas that honor former Adams 12 students who have fallen during their military service to the United States.

CROSS REFERENCE:  
Policy 1300